(c) steps taken by Government to prevent the said disease in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS HI VT OF HOME AFFAIRS (.SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the news report in question. There was a serious enteritis epidemic in the Valley resulting in 150 deaths in the Districts of Baramula, Budgam, Kupwara, Anantnag, Pulwama and Srinagar.

(c) The Government of Jaramu and Kashmir immediately sprang in action and drew up a coordinated plan of action and took various measures, such as augmenting ilrugs and medical supplies (iuciuding air lifting of medical supplies from Delhi], conducting laboratory and epidemiological inve: testing samples of water, sending special teams of doctor's, etc. Government of India also deputed a medical team from N1CD. All these measures and regular surveillance at District level brought the disease under control.

Hiring of Home Guards by Delhi Traders

2323. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in iiie Times of India dated the 9th October, 1994 captioned "Delhi Traders hire Home Guards";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The Delhi Police have reported that the Sarva Vyapar Mandal, one of the two trader associations in Chandni Chowk has hired 12 Home Guard personnel on payment of Rs. 50/- per day directly from Delhi Home Guards. For this facility, the Sarva Vyapar Mandal charges Rs. 30/-from every member of the association-These Home Guards have been divided into six groups to patrol in the market from Iain Temole to Fatehpuri Mosque from 11.00AM* to 7PM. Each team is accompanied by an armed Delhi Police Constable to provide fire power, if required.

(c) The main purpose of this scheme is to deal with any emergency arising out of crime and to keep the governments cheat of encroachment and to regulate traffic in the congested market area.

(d) Chandni Chowk is an extremely crowded commercial area and the home guards have been hired by the Traders Asosciation to ensure greater uniform presence in the area which the local police cannot do because of the constraints on pofice power and other responsibility of the police.

E ormuia to Resolve Uttarakttaud Agitation

2324. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR.LA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have worked out any formula to resolve the Uttarakhand agitation;

(b) if so, the details of the stop's taken in tiiis regard;

I.C) whether Govenment piopow to resolve ihe issue amicably; and

idj if so, tlu- further reaction of Govern- thereto ?

MINISTER OF STATE IN IHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Sincere efforts are on to find a solution ro the Uttarakhand issue. As this is a sensitive and delicate issue, patience, tact and farsightedness is necessary on the part of all parties involved. However, Government is not contemplating reorganisation of the present set up of States.

महिलाओं पर किए गए अत्याचारों के संबंध में शिकायत

2325. **श्रीमती आनन्दी बेन जेठाभाई पटेल :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को उत्तर प्रदेश में महिलाओं पर किए जा रहे अत्याचारों के संबंध में उत्तर-प्रदेश अनुसूचित जाति और जनजाति विकास परिषद के अध्यक्ष से कोई शिकायत मिली है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्योरा क्या है; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इस शिकायत पर क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद) :

(क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Ransom i'aid to Kidnappers

2326. SHRIMAT1 VEENA VERMA: WiU the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be ad to state :

(a) the number of cases of kidnapping reported each month during the last ft ur months in Delhi;